

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

**This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:**

**LISTING OF CLAIMS:**

1. (currently amended): A discharge lamp lighting device comprising:  
  
a DC/DC converter for boosting electric power given from a DC source;  
  
an inverter ~~for inverting polarity to generate an AC wave~~; and  
  
an igniter ~~for supplying a high voltage to a discharge lamp at the time of switching on said discharge lamp~~,  
  
wherein said ~~discharge lamp is supplied with electric power of~~ inverter inverts the polarity of a sum of a negative voltage boosted by said DC/DC converter and electric power of a positive voltage given from said DC source to generate an AC wave, and  
  
wherein said igniter receives said AC wave and supplies a high voltage to said discharge lamp at a time of switching on said discharge lamp.
2. (original): The discharge lamp lighting device according to Claim 1, further comprising a voltage drop circuit through which electric power of a positive voltage is given from said DC source.

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3. (original): The discharge lamp lighting device according to Claim 2, wherein said voltage drop circuit includes an inverter.